

Vinod ..

Hello my name is Vinod. I am from Fremont California and I am a Dalit-American from the Ravidassia community in Fremont. I would like to speak to the following edit and returning **Return the usage of caste vs. using the class system**. This edit can be found in Chapter 10 (Gr. 6)
Page 214, lines 878-881:

Current text: "This class system became distinctive over the centuries for being especially complex and formal, involving numerous customs and prohibitions on eating together and intermarrying that kept social and occupational groups distinct from one another in daily life."

Dalit Bahujan Faculty Group Recommendation:

"The caste system of South Asian societies, with its specific rules about purity and pollution, became distinctive over the millennia for being especially complex, formal, and legalized, involving numerous customs and laws. These laws entail prohibitions on eating together and marrying within one's own castes, and that keeps caste groups separate from one another in daily life, with members of each caste looking down at those in the castes "below" with abhorrence and disgust."

The conflation of the term "Caste" with the term "Class" is misleading and erases the distinctiveness of the Caste system in South Asia. These terms are not used interchangeably in scholarly work either. I was not discriminated against because I was poor, but because I was a Dalit. Because as a Chamar my people were assigned this type of work and were seen as SPIRITUALLY POLLUTING under the Hindu Religion. This attempt by the Hindu American, Oberoi, and Dhamra Civilization Foundation to change the historical record for the children of hindus who cannot face their history. But history is not meant to soothe, it is meant to inform. And a complex history will only make for resilient and empathetic children. We urge the history and social science framework committee to continue to use caste, to retain the references to our community, and introduce the term Dalit back into the framework. I urge the History and Social Science Frameworks committee to remain committed to a fact-based review and thank you for your time.

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③ Awareness of text base editing
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